

ABSTRACT

5 A method and apparatus are disclosed for connecting a modem to a motherboard in a computing device, such as a personal computer. The disclosed modem module comprises circuitry for interfacing with a telephone line; and one or more solder pads for connecting the modem module to a carrier assembly, such as a motherboard. The solder pads on the modem module may be soldered to corresponding solder pads on the carrier assembly. The modem module optionally includes a tip/ring connector for interfacing with a telephone line. A
10 disclosed method for fabricating a discrete modem upon a printed circuit board (PCB) or other stand-alone mounting comprises the steps of providing circuitry on a printed circuit board for interfacing with a telephone line; and providing one or more solder pads on the printed circuit board for connecting the modem module to a carrier assembly.

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